(b) if so, the details of efforts made and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. India has been in constant touch with Yugoslavia the Current Chairman of the Non-aligned Movement as well as other members, with a view to finding a peaceful solution to the Gulf crisis. It was on India's initiative that the Foreign Ministers of Yugoslavia, Algeria and India met in Belgrade to address the issue. Subsequently a Ministerial Meeting of the Non-aligned issued a statement in New York which gave a mandate to Yugoslavia, as Chairman, to seek a solution to the crisis by peaceful means. Efforts of the Movement are continueing.

National Pollution Control Plan

677. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sought World Bank assistance for implementing its 'National Pollution Control Plan' to check pollution from heavily polluting industries, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) (a) A project for industrial pollution control is being prepared Financing of a part of the project by the World Bank is under discussion.

(b) The broad outlines of the project are to provide for institutional development of the Central Pollution Control Board and the State Pollution Control Boards of Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu; provide loans to industries for abatement of pollution in eight sectors namely, paper and pulp, pesticides and insecticides, dyes, drugs and pharmaceuticals, fertilisers, sugar and distilleries, petrochemicals, leather & tanneries; and loans for setting up Common Effluent Treatment Plants for clusters of small scale industrial units.

D.T.C. Services in Delhi

678. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the services of DTC in Delhi have deteriorated this year as compared to those in 1988 and 1989,

(b) if so, the details thereof, Depotwise, alongwith the reasons therefor,

(c) whether it is a fact that the DTC services from Vasant Vihar have continuously been deteriorating since July, 1988,

(d) if so, the reasons therefor,

(e) whether it is a fact that many scheduled trips from Vasant Vihar have been abolished since July, 1988 and that the number of missing trips has increased considerably on those routes during the last few months,

(f) if so, the extent thereof and the reasons therefor, and

(g) what steps have been taken/ are being taken to solve the above problems and to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA) (a) and (b) There has been a reduction in the bus services during 1990 mainly due to the various agitations. The reduction in number of trips and the kilometres operated daily has affected the city fleet as a whole and almost all depots A comparative statement showing the performance of DTC for the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 (upto November, 1990) is attached at Annexure (*See* Appendix CLVI, Annexure No. 11)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise

(e) and (f) On account of decrease in the overall strength of buses under DTC operation, there has been curtailment of services in all areas and Vasant Vihar area also has been affected to the same extent as the other areas.

(g) DTC has been making concerted efforts to meet the transport requirements of the Union Territory of Delhi with its limited resources

Post office and telephone facilities to the villages in Uttar Pradesh

679 SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) what is the number of villages in the Uttar Pradesh and in how many village post offices have been provided (District-wise)

(b) what is the number of village post offices (District-wise) which are at a distance of more than two kms from the village stating the programme, if any, formulated by Government to provide postal facilities in these villages; and

(c) what is the number of village post offices (District-wise) where telephone facilities have been provided stating the programme, if any to provided such facilities in village where these are not available?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PRAKASH) (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

Steps to tackle flood problem in Assam

680 SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government are contemplating to tackle the flood problem in Assam;

(b) whether Government are aware that preventive measures should be started during winter season and it will be futile to start any action in the month of March; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to save the Pani-Dihing and Netai Mouza of Sibsagar district of Assam from erosion by the Dihing river and also through change of its course?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Brahmaputra Board is helping the Government of Assam in indentifying and formulating proposals for tackling the flood problem in Assam

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No proposal for protection of Pani-Dihing and Netai Mauza of Sibsagar district of Assam from erosion, have been received from the State Government.

Air water pollution in Assam by H.F.C.

681 SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

((a) what are the present available measures with the Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation of Namrup in Assam to prevent air and water pollution;

(b) whether Government are aware that the nearby Disang river has completely been polluted by illegal pouring of prohibited chemicals into the river; and

(c) what direction has been given by Government to the H F. C unit in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOERSTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation at Namrup, Assam has adopted the following pollution control measures to prevent and control air and water pollution

(i) Steam and air stripping plant for treating effluents from urea plants;